S. 115

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 21, 1997

Mr. Inouye introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION IN AMERICAN VESSELS OF
- 4 GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND CERTAIN
- 5 CARGOES.
- 6 Section 901(b)(2) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936
- 7 (46 U.S.C. App. 1241 (b)(2)), is amended to read as fol-
- 8 lows:

"(2)(A) The Secretary of Transportation shall
have the sole responsibility for determining and des-
ignating the programs that are subject to the re-
quirements of this subsection. Each department or
agency that has responsibility for a program that is
designated by the Secretary of Transportation pur-
suant to the preceding sentence shall, for the pur-
poses of this subsection, administer such program
pursuant to regulations promulgated by such Sec-
retary.
"(B) The Secretary of Transportation shall—
"(i) review the administration of the pro-
grams referred to in subparagraph (A); and

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such programs.".

"(ii) on an annual basis, submit a report

to Congress concerning the administration of